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9:38 pm	Athens 433	Embassy Athens reports further discussion with General Palamas on shipping with Cuba
10:54 pm	Athens 434	Embassy Athens reports in connection with possible measures to be taken to clamp down on shipments to Cuba Embassy

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11:18 pm Lisbon 264

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OCTOBER 5, 1962:

7:36 am The Hague 243

Embassy The Hague reports informal talk with Senior Foreign office official about allied ships carrying good to Cuba

11:08 am Lisbon 269

Embassy Lisbon reports that Portugal is in essence already complying with US requirements

1:20 pm The Hague A-86

Collective action in Caribbean to Resist Communist Aggression

3:14 pm Guatemala City 183

Embassy Guatemala City reports re GGP support military blockade Cuba and recognition exile government to be subsequently supported by OAR governments

4:16 pm To Copenhagen 225

Dept transmits impression received by Prime Minister's Oct 3 statement re Danish interest in controlling Danish shipping to Cuba

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Belgrade 364
Paris 1680

Dept reports on Yugoslav ship Drzic

Embassy Paris reports discussion with Spitalier, Cuban Desk Officer, ForMinistry

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7:34 pm To Moscow 824

Dept transmits details on Dobrynin's call on Assistant Secretary Tyler re instructions his government to raise question of sugar cargo impounded San Juan Puerto Rico

8:08 pm To The Hague 267

Dept re briefing of selected Embassy Reps of Maritime Nations which have significant number of vessels engaged in Cuba trade concerned US intentions regarding Cuban traffic

10:59 pm New York 1101

Mission New York reports Quaison-Sackey conversation

OCTOBER 6, 1962:

3:54 pm Depcirtel 611

US Four Point Action re Cuban Shipping

OCTOBER 8, 1962:

8:59 am Tokyo 1020

Embassy Tokyo reports certain Japanese shipping lines cease backing cargoes to Cuba

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Embassy The Hague reporting GOM did not intend publicize to Dutch re Cuban shipping trade

1:58 pm Bonn 1037

Embassy Bonn reports effective Oct 7 all German ships chartering subject to licensing if contract with Bloc or Cuba

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October 9, 1962: (cont'd)

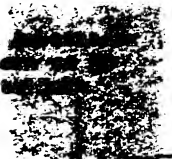
3:52 pm Copenhagen 299

Embassy Copenhagen reports
Embassy officer called on
Abrahamsen of Economic Political
Bureau Foreign Office re Cuban
Trade

6:12 pm To Belgrade 372

Dept transmits Foreign Aid
Appropriation Bill as passed.
Oct. 6

7:55 pm To Stockholm 163

Dept reports Swedish government
called on Dept officials re
policy on shipments 

OCTOBER 9, 1962:

2:27 pm The Hague 258

Embassy The Hague reports after
unsuccessful attempt Consulate
Rotterdam discover origin bright
stock for Cuba, question raised
with Foreign Ministry

2:47 pm Paris POLTO 419

Embassy Paris reports action
being taken by Dutch re ships to
Cuba

10:24 pm Paris POLTO 423

Embassy Paris reports US Rep Drew
to request NATO members deny
Soviet request for overflight or
landing privileges on flights to
Cuba


1:44 am Copenhagen 301

Embassy Copenhagen reports Danish
support US approach re Soviet
flights Cuba

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October 10, 1962: (cont'd)

9:01 am Belgrade 527

Embassy Belgrade reports that while Yugo Government had earlier informally prevented Yugo ships and aircraft from carrying Soviet-origin cargo to Cuba, this ban has not been lifted. (Informed by Austrian newspaper correspondent, no confirmation from any other source)

9:05 am Reykjavik 118

Embassy Reykjavik reports US action to US proposal for cooperation with Cuba

9:48 am Panama City 268

Embassy Panama City reports decree to prohibit Pan-American flag vessels from any kind of trade with Cuba to be signed by President Chiari

11:16 pm Panama City 270

Embassy Panama City reports analysis current membership Pan-American National Council relations

OCTOBER 11, 1962

2:24 am Paris POLTD 432

Embassy Paris reports call by Acting Greek PermRep re US Policy re shipping to Cuba of which NAC ratified Oct. 3

Brussels 526

Embassy Brussels reports conversation with Spaak re Soviet overflights to Cuba

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8:45 am The Hague 261

Embassy The Hague reports Ministry Economic Affairs had fully investigated cargo scheduled be loaded SIERRA MARSTRA in Rotterdam

9:37 am Paris 1748

Embassy Paris reports conversation with Spitalier, officer in charge Carribbean Affairs at the Foreign Ministry

2:26 pm To Caracas 314

Dept transmits expectation of Executive Order specifying measures be taken affect ships engaged in Bloc Cuban trade

4:39 pm London 1523

Embassy London reports on situation on Soviet flights Cuba

6:00 pm Depcirtel 648

Dept transmits objectives re proposed US actions concerning shipping in bloc-Cuba trade

OCTOBER 12, 1962:

8:08 am Rome 842

Embassy Rome re possible action by Italian Government to change law in order enable stoppage all Italian shipping for Cuba

8:35 am Hamburg 93

Embassy Hamburg re "Westfalen"

8:45 am Caracas 459

Embassy Caracas reporting Perez's reaction for parallel action by GOV shipping to Cuba

3:55 pm Dublin 120

Embassy Dublin reports undertaking to stop trade import Cuban molasses

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6:44 pm Depcirtel 855

Dept transmits provisions Foreign Aid Bill re Cuban Shipping

OCTOBER 13, 1962:

10:08 am Oslo 200

Soviet Overflights to Cuba

OCTOBER 14, 1962:

9:23 am M Moscow 959

Embassy Moscow reports text of Soviet message re freezing of cargo of Soviet sugar from illegal seizure

OCTOBER 15, 1962:

12:20 pm Rome 856

Embassy Rome re Italian shipowners to avoid carrying cargo to Cuba

8:27 pm Santiago 370

Embassy Santiago inquires re what feedstuffs and what quantities move to Cuba from US

OCTOBER 16, 1962:

12:47 pm Warsaw 731

Shipping clauses in foreign aid appropriation bill

12:52 pm Stockholm 223

Soviet overflights en route Cuba

1:15 pm Caracas 464

Embassy Caracas reports local Rep Phillips informs tanker LONDON PRESTIGE cleared from Odessa for Cuba did not call Venezuela

4:15 pm Rabat 712

Reports TU-114 flight departing Moscow en route Havana

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6:23 pm	Paris POLTD 470	Embassy Paris reports Danish question on instructions
8:24 pm	To Paris TOPOL 324	Dept suggests Chayes informal briefing of PERMEXPS re Executive Order & implementing regulations US four-point action re Cuban shipping
8:48 pm	Moscow 986	Embassy Moscow reports Amb. Roberts confidential changes with London stopping Soviet flights via Prestwick
9:57 pm	Caracas 470	Embassy Caracas reports discussions with President Betancourt

OCTOBER 17, 1962:

12:14 pm	Oslo 210	Embassy Oslo reports Prime Minister description impending US sanctions against shipping to Cuba
12:48 pm	CA-4049	Sino-Soviet Bloc military and Economic aid to Cuba
7:32 pm	Repsairtel 674	USG desire stop Soviet flights to Cuba
	Paris L 538	Dept request delay plans for possible Chayes briefing
8:13 pm	To Paris TOPOL 332	NATO govts responses to bilateral US approaches
8:23 pm	Athens 480	Soviet flights to Cuba

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9:16 pm Guatemala City
217

Embassy Guatemala City reports
of meeting with chief US military
group with Guatemalan President;
Guatemalan-Cuban relations

OCTOBER 18, 1962:

10:23 am Brussels 616

Embassy/OSB discussion of pre-
vention of shipment to Cuba of
bright solvent stock

10:47 am Beirut 427

Embassy reports Maritime Lines
responses to negotiations re Cuban ship

11:29 am To Caracas 338

Dept transmits points of
discussion with Foreign Minister and
Ambassador Carrizosa re counter-
acting Castro-communist activities

4:36 pm Brussels 623

Embassy reports re Soviet overflight
and petroleum derivatives for Cuba

11:32 pm Paris POLAD
Circular 9

Embassy reports POLAD Meeting 10/18
Soviet overflights to Cuba

OCTOBER 19, 1962:

5:13 am New York 1349

New York reports Garcia-Inuhaustegui
(Cuban response to Costa Rican
letter (informed by Volio--Costa
Rica))

[REDACTED] 375

Embassy reports on normal clearance
for "technical stop" en route
Havana and return

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11:34 am New Delhi 1284

Embassy reports International Longshoremen refusing load wheat for India on ships previously used jute goods to Cuba

3:08 pm Reykjavik A-79

Restrictions on shipping to Cuba

5:48 pm Madrid 494

Questioning status Spanish ships unloading in Cuba and subsequently calling US ports

5:48 pm Rabat 731

Nature rights granted operate beyond Moroccan terms 3/27 air transport [REDACTED]

OCTOBER 20, 1962:

5:10 pm Tegucigalpa 182

Decree prohibiting calls at Cuban ports by Honduran flag vessels

OCTOBER 22, 1962:

8:05 pm Te Santiago 711

Dept informs posts US expects Cuba quarantine to be taken pursuant to resolution or Organ of Consultation

10:18 pm Athens 493

Embassy transmits reasons why GDS unable to take effective legal action prevent ships call Cuba

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US Del reports actions in three parts

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11:41 am Rabat 756	Action by GOM re Soviet overflights
<u>OCTOBER 26, 1962:</u>	
12:02 am To Rabat 964	Message from President Kennedy to King Hassan re Soviet offensive missiles in Cuba
7:57 pm CA-4516	Application of Battle [REDACTED]
<u>OCTOBER 28, 1962:</u>	
4:05 pm To USUN New York 1130	Lack of interest Secretariat importance aerial photographic surveillance carrying out task in Cuba
<u>OCTOBER 29, 1962:</u>	
9:16 pm New York 1535	Discussion with Kuznetsov by Stevenson, McCloy and Yost 10/29
<u>OCTOBER 30, 1962:</u>	
[REDACTED] New York 1547	Conversation with Kuznetsov
[REDACTED] USUN New York 1147	CUBA: New York Negotiations
11:09 pm To USUN New York 1153	CUBA: New York Negotiations

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6:12 pm	To Belgrade 372	Dept transmits Foreign Aid Appropriation Bill as passed Oct. 6
7:55 pm	To Stockholm 163	Dept reports Swedish Ambassador called on Dept officers re US policy on shipments to Cuba
<u>OCTOBER 9, 1962:</u>		
2:27 pm	The Hague 258	Embassy The Hague reports [REDACTED] [REDACTED] question raised with Foreign Ministry
2:47 pm	Paris POLTO 419	Embassy Paris reports action being taken by Dutch re ships to Cuba
10:24 pm	Paris POLTO 423	Embassy Paris reports US Rep Drew to request NATO members deny Soviet request for overflight or landing privileges on flights to Cuba
<u>OCTOBER 10, 1962:</u>		
1:44 am	Copenhagen 301	Embassy Copenhagen reports [REDACTED] [REDACTED] US approach re Soviet flights Cuba

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11:16 pm	Panama City 270 <i>Intercept</i>	
<u>OCTOBER 11, 1962</u>		
2:24 am	Paris POLTO 432	Embassy Paris reports call by Acting Greek PermRep re US Policy re shipping to Cuba of which NAC ratified Oct. 3
8:17 am	Brussels 586	Embassy Brussels reports conversation with Spaak re Soviet over-flights to Cuba


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3:55 pm	Dublin 120	Embassy Dublin reports undertaking to stop trade import Cuban molasses

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6:44 pm	Depcirtel 655	Dept transmits provisions Foreign Aid Bill re Cuban Shipping
<u>OCTOBER 13, 1962:</u>		
10:08 am	Oslo 200	Soviet Overflights to Cuba
<u>OCTOBER 14, 1962:</u>		
9:23 am	Moscow 959	Embassy Moscow reports text of Soviet message re freeing of cargo of Soviet sugar from illegal seizure
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12:47 pm	Warsaw 731	Shipping clauses in foreign aid appropriation bill
12:58 pm	Stockholm 223	Soviet overflights en route Cuba
1:53 pm	Caracas 454 <i>bt(1)</i>	Embassy Caracas reports [REDACTED] tanker LONDON PRESTIGE cleared from Odessa for Cuba did not call Venezuela
4:15 pm	Rabat 712	Reports TU-114 flight departing Moscow en route Havana

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6:23 pm	Paris POLTO 470	Embassy Paris reports Danish question on instructions
8:24 pm	To Paris TOPOL 524	Dept suggests Chayes informal briefing of PERMREPS re Executive Order & implementing regulations US four-point action re Cuban shipping
		
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<u>OCTOBER 17, 1962:</u>		
12:14 pm	Oslo 210	Embassy Oslo reports Prime Minister description impending US sanctions against shipping to Cuba
12:48 pm	CA-4049	Sino-Soviet Bloc military and Economic aid to Cuba
7:32 pm	Depcirtel 674	USG desire stop Soviet flights to Cuba
7:35 pm	To Paris TOPOL 538	Dept request delay plans for possible Chayes briefing
8:13 pm	To Paris TOPOL 532	NATO govts responses to bilateral US approaches
8:25 pm	Athens 480	Soviet flights to Cuba

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<u>OCTOBER 17, 1962: (cont'd)</u>		
9:16 pm	Guatemala City 217	Embassy Guatemala City reports of meeting with chief US military group with Guatemalan President: Guatemalan-Cuban relations
<u>OCTOBER 18, 1962:</u>		
<i>b(1)</i> [REDACTED]		
10:47 am	Beirut 427	Embassy reports Marine and Isthmain Lines responses to new USG regulations re Cuban shipping
11:29 am	To Caracas 338	Dept transmits points covered in discussion with FonMin Falcon and Ambassador Carrizosa re counter-acting Castro-communist activities
4:36 pm	Brussels 623 <i>b(1)</i>	Embassy reports re Soviet overflight [REDACTED]
11:32 pm	Paris POLTO Circular 9	Embassy reports POLAD Meeting 10/18 Soviet overflights to Cuba
<u>OCTOBER 19, 1962:</u>		
5:33 am	New York 1349 <i>b(1)</i>	New York reports Garcia-Inuhaustegui (Cuban response to Costa Rican letter [REDACTED])
10:33 am	Dakar 375 <i>b(1)</i>	Embassy reports [REDACTED] [REDACTED] "technical stop" en route Havana and return

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11:34 am	New Delhi 1284	Embassy reports International Longshoremen refusing load wheat for India on ships previously used jute goods to Cuba
3:08 pm	Reykjavik A-79	Restrictions on shipping to Cuba
5:48 pm	Madrid 494	Questioning status Spanish ships unloading in Cuba and subsequently calling US ports
5:48 pm	Rabat 731	Nature rights granted USSR to operate beyond Morocco to LA under terms 3/27 air transport agreement

OCTOBER 20, 1962:

5:10 pm	Tegucigalpa 182	Decree prohibiting calls at Cuban ports by Honduran flag vessels
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OCTOBER 22, 1962:

2:05 pm	To Santiago 711	Dept informs posts US expects Cuba quarantine to be taken pursuant to resolution or Organ of Consultation
10:18 pm	Athens 493	Embassy transmits reasons why GOG unable to take effective legal action prevent ships call Cuba

OCTOBER 24, 1962:

4:52 am	US Del Inter-American Defense Board DA920622, DTG 232249Z	US Del reports actions in three parts
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<u>OCTOBER 24, 1962:</u> (cont'd)		
11:28 am	Rabat 757	Opposition elements Morocco against US on Cuban issue & in important cases indicates full espousal Soviet Bloc
11:41 am	Rabat 756	Action by GOM re Soviet overflights
<u>OCTOBER 26, 1962:</u>		
12:02 am	To Rabat 964	Message from President Kennedy to King Hassan re Soviet build-up of offensive missiles in Cuba
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<u>OCTOBER 28, 1962:</u>		
		
<u>OCTOBER 29, 1962:</u>		
9:16 pm	New York 1535	Discussion with Kuznetsov by Stevenson, McCloy and Yost 10/29
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12:46 pm	To USUN New York 1147	CUBA: New York Negotiations
11:09 pm	To USUN New York 1153	CUBA: New York Negotiations

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